Construction of Telephone Exchange Building in Bihar

1930. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of buildings constructed in Bihar for telephone exchanges during the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 and the total amount incurred thereon;

(b) the total monthly rent paid by the Department for the buildings taken on rent in Bihar, if any, and what is the monthly rent of each of the buildings occupied for telephone exchange or for any office of the said Department; and

(c) the number of buildings which are going to be constructed by the Department in Bihar during the year 1988-89 to lessen the burden on the exchequer ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE):: (a) Total number of buildings constructed in Bihar for Telephone Exchanges are:

1984-85	1
1985-86	2
1986-87	2
1987-88	4

Total amount incurred is about Rs. 1.30 crores.

(b) The total monthly rent for the buildings taken on rent in Bihar is about Rs. 1 lakh, out of which about Rs. 80 thousand is the monthly rent for all buildings occupied for telephone exchanges and about Rs. 20,000/- for offices.

(c) It is proposed to take up the construction of 13 buildings in the year 1988-89.

Electronic Telephone Exchange in Bihar

1931. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open some more electronic telephone exchanges in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Bengusarai District of Bihar has also been selected for the purpose; and

(c) by when the electronic telephone exchange would start functioning in Begusarai district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

Normal life of L.P.G. regulator

1932. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 118 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th November, 1987 and state the name of the appropriate authority to decide the responsibility for the damage to the rgeulator?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): LPG distributors are authorised to replace defective pressure rgeulators. In case of customers' dissatisfaction the area sales officer of the concerned oil company is the appropriate authority to decide the responsibility for the damage to the regulator.

Shortfall in Hydel Power Generation

1933. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inadequate snow and rains may cause substantial shortfall in Hydel Power Generation in the country; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to tackle power crisis gripping the capital and the neighbouring states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) A shortfall of about 9 billion units is anticpated in Hydro Generation during the current year mainly due to low reservoir levels on account of inadequate rainfall.

(b) A contingency plan has been formulated and implemented to augment thermal generation. During the current year, thermal generation in the Northern Region was over 3 billion units more than the target as on 8th March, 1988. The other measures being taken to increase the availability of power also include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short-gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

Growth centres for Telecommunication facilities

1934. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 140 growth centres for Industrial development and telecommunication facilities had been identified;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many such growth centres have been identified in Andhra Pradesh and what are the names of these places?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Industry has identified growth centres for development of infrastructural facilities in "No Industry Districts." The list of such growth centres is enclosed as a Statement. (*See* below).

(c) There are no such growth centres identified in Andhra Pradesh.

Statement

Approved Growth Centres for development of Infrastructural facilities in 'No Industry districts'

Name of the State/ Union Territory & District.	Growth Centre	Name of the State/ Union Territory & District	Growth Centre
Rajasthan		*Madhya Pradesh*	
1 Sirohi	1 Abu Road	19 Bhind	25 Malanpur
	2 Pindwara	20 Mandla	26 Manheri
		21 Jhabua	27 Meghnagar
2 Jaisalmer	3 Pokaran	22 Dhar	28 Pithampur
	4 Sanu Ramgarh	23 Panna	29 Purena
		24 Rajgarh	30 Pillukhedi
3 Churu	5 Churu	*Bihar*	
	6 Ratnagarh		
4 Barmer	7 Balotra	25 Bhojpur	31 Arrah
	8 Barmer	26 Khagaria	32 Khagaria
		27 Purnia	33 Purnia
		28 Nalanda	34 Lakhrawan
		29 Aurangabad	35 Jaisoria